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Waters Beats Lowe In Tight Race

By TIM WARFORD

Voters in Sacramento County elected a new sheriff Tuesday in the closest local race of this election.

Sacramento Police Lt. Robbie Waters won the race with 157,747 votes

Waters watched the results as he started closing the 1200-vote gap with 20 percent of the vote still to be counted. "I couldn't believe it as the vote kept going my way," he said.

In the end, he won by 1460 votes.

Kathy Gage, coordinator of the gay community's Committee to Elect Robbie Waters and vice-president of Sacramento Political Action Caucus, said, We now have a visible gay voting bloc in Sacramento. We can't let our [political] involvement stop just because we won this election.

In other local races of interest to the gay community, Assemblyman Leroy Greene defeated Senator John Doolittle in the Sixth Senatorial District. Greene had 133,199 votes (53.2 percent) to Doolittle's 111,289 (44.4 percent). Because Doolittle was originally elected in 1980 in a district that has been moved to Marin County through reapportionment, he will continue to serve as a state senator for two more years.

In the Sixth Assembly District, Sacramento City Councilman Lloyd Connelly beat conservative Bill Green, 63.7 percent of the vote to 32.9 percent.

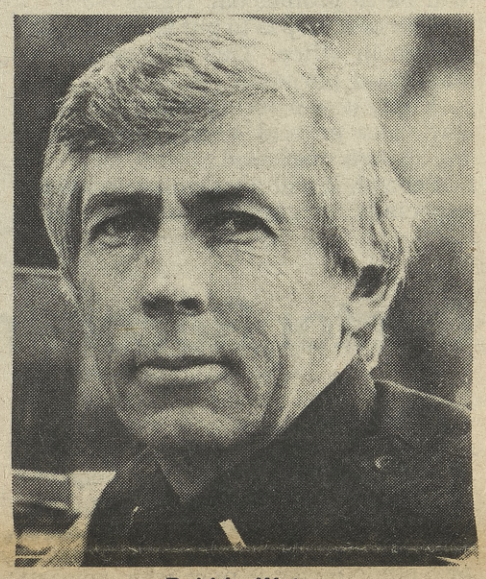
Sacramento Mayor Phillip Isenberg, with 49.5 percent of the votes, won the 10th Assembly District seat against newcomer Ingrid Azevedo, who had 40.5 percent.

Doolittle and Lowe were targeted by (50.2 percent) to incumbent Sheriff Duane Lowe's 156,287 votes (49.7 percent).

Early in the evening, Waters pulled from eight percentage points behind to almost match Lowe's 50 percent of the vote. However, Lowe maintained a slim lead over Waters until the last 30 minutes, when the challenger started gaining.

the gay community because of anti-gay statements and actions in office. Connelly and Isenberg received gay support because of their favorable record on gay issues, as did Leroy Greene.

In statewide races, Republican George Deukmejian defeated Democrat Tom Bradley for governor. The tally in that race was 3,771,821 (49 percent) to 3,720,010 (48.3 percent). In Sacramento County, Deukmejian received 167,809 votes (52.2 percent) to Bradley's 143,935 (44.8 percent).



Robbie Waters

San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson, a Republican, beat Democratic Governor Jerry Brown in the U.S. Senate race. Wilson received 3,908,454 votes statewide (51.2 percent) to Brown's 3,438,806 (45.1 percent). In Sacramento County, Wilson picked up 158,323 votes (49.3 percent) to Brown's 150,146 (46.8 percent).

Bradley and Brown were supported by the gay community because of their backing for gay rights.★

Gay Father Awarded Custody Of Twin Sons In Oklahoma Court Decision

The Oklahoma Supreme Court recently ruled that homosexuality does not make a man unfit to be a parent. It ordered a lower court to award custody of 11-year-old twin boys to their gay father.

In a 4 to 2 decision, the court sent the case to a state district court with instructions that custody be granted to the father, who had told the court he was gay. Since 1977, the boys have lived with their grandparents.

Justice Robert Lavender pointed out in the majority opinion that the boys' mother had a record of psychological problems and had not participated in the trial court's custody review or the father's appeal.

Lavender noted also that earlier this year the court took custody of her 2-year-old son away from a woman who had acknowledged having a lesbian relationship in her home. However, he argued that in both cases the court had acted "in the best interests of the children."

In that case the court also found that "homosexuality in itself was not enough to deny a parent's fundamental right to child custody."

In ruling against the mother, the court took several factors into consideration, including the age of the child, the fact that an open lesbian relationship had been maintained in the home, and that the child slept in the same bedroom as the mother and her lover.

However, in the more recent case, Lavender wrote, the father has "taken obvious pains to separate his social life, if any, from his relationship with the children," and has testified that he "has never encouraged the boys to adopt his own sexual preference and, indeed, prefers that they have the normal sexual orientation."

The court said, "There must be some direct causal relationship between the parent's conduct and some detriment to the child's well-being or emotional or physical health."★

STAR Photo by Tim Warford

Dynamic Duo

Batman and Robin showed up to celebrate at Bojangles' Halloween Party. More Halloween weekend photos on page 5.

Randy Shilts, Harvey Milk Biographer, To Speak At CSUS

Randy Shilts, reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle and author of "Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," will speak at California State University on Thursday, November 11. His lecture, on Gays and the News Media, is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Forest Suite on the third floor of the University Union.

A question-and-answer period will follow Shilts' talk, which will deal with some of his experiences and observations as the first openly gay reporter in the mainstream media. He will also discuss the research and writing of his biography of Harvey Milk, the gay San Francisco supervisor assassinated by Dan White.

In addition to writing for the San Francisco Chronicle, Shilts has been a reporter and anchorman for KQED-Channel 9 news in San Francisco. Winner of a Hearst Publishing Company award for journalism graduates, he has also written for The Advocate, Christopher Street, and other gay and non-gay publications.

This appearance of Randy Shilts is sponsored by the newly-formed Lambda Media Association (LAMA) of CSUS and cosponsored by The Sacramento Star and the CSUS Lesbian/Gay Peoples' Union.

The goal of LAMA is to promote awareness and positive images of gay and lesbian people in the media and in media-related careers.

LGPU is beginning its 11th year as the focal organization for lesbian and gay students at Sac State University.

The Sacramento Star is the professional-quality newspaper published alternate Wednesdays for the lesbian and gay community of the Sacramento area.

The lecture is open without charge to all students and non-students. It is funded by a grant from the Activities Finance Council of the Associated Students, Inc.★

OPINION

Vote Gay, Now Elect Gay

Sacramento's gay and lesbian community now has voting clout. In the two major local races that were targeted by gays, the gay-backed candidates won. Police Lt. Robbie Waters narrowly defeated incumbent Sheriff Duane Lowe's bid for a fourth term and Assemblyman Leroy Greene trounced homophobic state Senator John Doolittle in the Sixth Senate District.

However, the defeat of two major anti-gay politicians does not mean that the gay community can afford to return to a laissez-faire attitude toward politics. In order to advance our rights as equal members of society we must insure that we keep our voting clout.

The more gay-supportive candidates are elected to office, the easier it will be to protect our rights.

The next step is to put an openly-gay person in office. This will serve two important purposes.

First, it will insure that there is a gay voice present when issues affecting us are discussed.

Second, it will give us a role model, especially for gays who are not aware that there are other gay and lesbian people actively involved in political leadership.

The opportunity for openly-gay officials is closer than one may realize. In Tuesday's election, two seats on the Sacramento City Council were vacated as the incumbents were elected to the Assembly.

While it is unlikely that an openly gay person will be appointed mayor to replace Phil Isenberg, it may be possible for one to be appointed to replace Lloyd Connelly or another council member if the new mayor is appointed from the council.

Now that the gay and lesbian community has proved itself a force in local politics, we should also begin to see changes in the ways elected officials deal with our issues. It is relatively easy for politicians to ignore or slight minority groups if those groups have no political power; especially if those groups are unpopular with the general electorate.

But in politics votes are the bottom line. If we have the votes, we will be heard. And, we may conclude from this election, we have the votes.★

Orion/Sacramento Sets First Potluck For Gay And Lesbian Adventists November 6

Orion Fellowship Alliance for lesbian and gay Seventh-day Adventists and their friends is organizing a Sacramento Valley chapter. It will meet for the first time for a potluck on Saturday, November 6.

Orion/Sacramento will meet on the first Saturday of each month. Joyce and Karen, chapter coordinators, state that chapter activities will include potlucks, guest speakers, and social outings. The activities are open to everyone, regardless of religious denomination.

Orion officials estimate that there are nearly 450 gay Adventists in the Sacramento area. But, according to Craig Roberts, Orion public relations director, the local group is small, with a mailing list of around 50.

"It is a group of diverse individuals united as a family with shared interests, activities, feelings, and beliefs," he said.

Orion Fellowship Alliance was recently incorporated as a non-profit corporation providing support and services to the international community of Adventist sexual minorities.

"It is our desire to let every gay, bisexual, and transsexual Adventist know that they are loved and completely accepted as they are by our Creator," said Vern Schlenker, Jr., Orion president.

"We believe our first and foremost responsibility is to provide loving support and services to these individuals," he said.

Further information about Orion Fellowship Alliance and local chapter activities may be obtained by writing Orion/Sacramento, Box 181, Sacramento 95801, or calling 427-2497.★

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Doctor Recommends A Search For Lesbian Feminist Physician

Dr. Pomerantz:

First, let me heartily commend you on your service to the gay community. The problem outlined in this letter is in no way an implied criticism of you or any other medical man who supports gay health. You are, in fact, terrific for showing the guts and integrity that you do. (And I am sure that you must, in turn, have your appointment book stuffed with the names of grateful patients.)

However, my problem is that I would like to have a woman General Practitioner who is a lesbian and/or feminist. I realize that female, let alone lesbian and/or feminist, doctors are at a premium. However, should such a one approach the Sacramento lesbian community, surely she'd be up to her clavicles in work within two minutes!

I have heard of search groups being organized to find doctors for small towns. Do you think that a tactic like that could work here? What a coup it would be.

Are there gay medical associations that could help form a search network?

Lay it on the line, Doctor, please. Is there any hope for the thousands of local women like myself who suffer from this condition?

KAY BUIE

Ms. Buie:

Your letter inquiring how to solicit a feminist/lesbian physician raises a number of issues and questions that deserve comment.

1. Is there a need?

My initial response to your letter was that any well-trained and qualified primary care physician could serve the needs of the feminist community in Sacramento.

On further reflection, however, I am struck by how my initial response needs amendment. While it is true that a well-qualified primary care physician can easily attend to the "mechanical—Pap smear, breast exams, general medical care, and health maintenance," an essential ingredient in the doctor-patient bond would still be missing.

One of the most outstanding characteristics of this bond is mutual understanding. The communication between doctor and patient is empathic. It is frequently neither verbal nor conscious. This characteristic is not something taught in medical school, nor is it elucidated in post-graduate training—internship, residency, etc.

It arises from shared backgrounds, mutually-held values and life perpectives, and mutually-agreed-upon contractual goals to achieve not only disease-free states, but also well-being. A woman physician, clearly, would be in the best position (by the nature of her being) to facilitate this bond.

2. Can the lesbian/feminist community financially support a lesbian/feminist physician?

This is a harder question to answer as it depends upon the financial needs of that physician. A rough estimate is that a physician in Sacramento needs to gross two to three times the amount she/he plans to bring home in order to run and maintain an office; that is, salaries, taxes, supplies, office rent and/or mortgage payments, etc.

Hence, for a full-time physician to take home approximately $30,000 per year, the practice would likely need to generate approximately $75,000 per year—a sum not so readily achieved. Perhaps you and your sisters can better answer this question than I.

3. As to the mechanics of soliciting a lesbian/feminist physician, a search group would be advisable.

This group could function as a review committee placing a soliciting ad, help make arrangements for office space, interview applicants, etc. Advertisements could be placed in a few places which are likely to be seen by a woman doctor and attract her attention:

A. BAPHRON. This is the monthly newsletter of the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, a group of gay and lesbian physicians. Yes, there are women in this group. Cost is minimal for advertisements, and it is effective. Indeed, this was how I first came to Sacramento.

B. Major medical journals such as the "Annals of Internal Medicine," "The New England Journal of Medicine," "The Journal of the American Medical Association," "The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology," etc.

C. Directly contacting women physicians by placing notices on the various house staff bulletin boards of teaching hospitals in the area, namely U.C. Davis, U.C. San Francisco, Stanford University, etc. This would be a very effective and inexpensive way to solicit interest.

D. The Sacramento County Medical Society has a placement service for physicians. This is the fourth way I can suggest for attracting a woman primary care provider.

4. A few female physicians are practicing general medicine/family practice/internal medicine in the Sacramento area.

Whether or not they are lesbian/feminists, I do not know. Names and telephone numbers are available through Lioness Books.

I hope I have answered your questions faithfully. Good luck in your search. If I can be of further assistance, please do let me know.

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Women's Center Alleges Sierra Copy Discriminates Against Gays

Representatives of the Sacramento Women's Center presented an open letter alleging discrimination against gays and lesbians by a local printing firm at the meeting of the board of directors of the River City Business Association on October 25.

The letter refers to two separate incidents, one involving a lesbian employee and the other involving printing of materials for the recent gay men's and lesbian conferences sponsored by the Women's Center.

The women from the Center said that they did not seek any official action from RCBA. They said that they wanted to bring the matter to the attention of the business community and of the community at large.

The letter, addressed to "the gay community of Sacramento," reads as follows:

"It is our opinion that Sierra Copy, 2031 J Street, Sacramento, is discriminating against the gay and lesbian community of Sacramento.

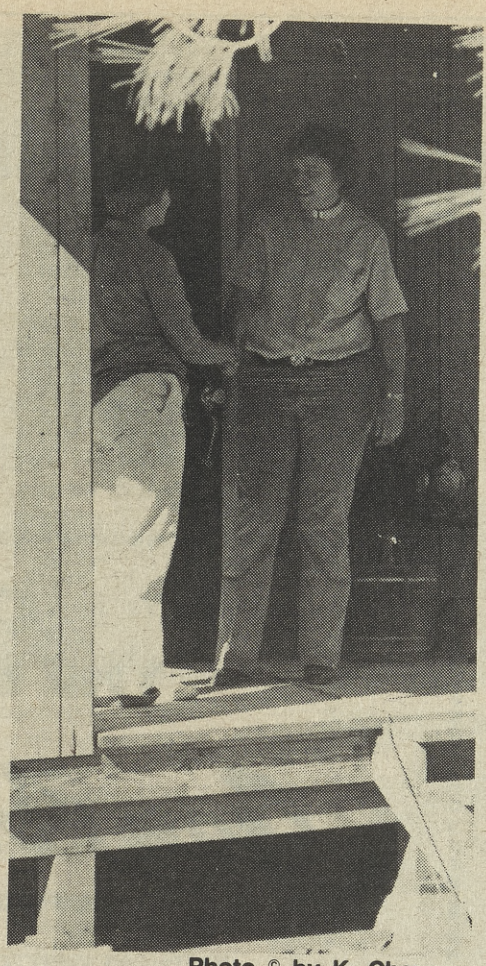
"On July 22, 1982, a staff member of the Sacramento Women's Center took registration forms for Lesbian Forum and a Gay Men's Conference to Sierra Copy to be printed and charged to a Women's Center project account. These forms came to the owner's attention. The account was closed the following day, after eight years of activity and without formal notification to our organization. A lesbian employee of Sierra Copy was fired shortly after this incident and she feels it was directly related to her sexual preference.

"Knowledge of the closed account came when a staff member and a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Center took additional printing work to Sierra Copy. They were informed that all accounts charging less that $50-$75 per month were being closed. We have checked with other agencies and businesses who have accounts with Sierra Copy and routinely charge less than $50-$75 monthly, and their accounts remain open at this time.

"We feel that Sierra Copy is discriminating against lesbians and gay men. We urge lesbians, gay men, and friends to cease business with Sierra Copy and to inform Sierra Copy of this and why.

"The Women's Center would appreciate supporters of this action contacting us."

The Sacramento Women's Center is at 2100 Capitol Avenue. Phone 441-4207.★



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Joan Fugina, Worship Pastor of MCC in Eureka-Arcata and Auburn-Grass Valley, visits with a member of the church.

Two New MCCs Get Woman Minister From Sacramento

A Sacramento woman, Joan Fugina, has taken on the position of Worship Pastor for new Metropolitan Community Church congregations in Auburn-Grass Valley and Eureka-Arcata. Fugina has been an active member of River City MCC in Sacramento for six years.

The Auburn-Grass Valley MCC held its first service in July. It meets on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11 a.m. in the home of two of the members. A potluck luncheon follows the service. The church will be looking for a larger place to hold services in the near future.

A study group was formed in the Arcata-Eureka area over a year ago, but had been without a minister for nearly eight months. The group has been reorganized with Fugina as pastor.

Services in the Eureka-Arcata area are held every Sunday at the Arcata Unitarian Church.

The Eureka-Arcata church is starting to work closely with HUGS (Humboldt United Gays), a new service group in the area, according to Fugina. The two groups will work together to unite the gay community and develop a gay community service center. HUGS and MCC have several social functions planned for the future.

Referring to both churches, Fugina said, "We are asking for the support of the community, and we invite anyone who is interested to join us."

For more information about either church, call Joan Fugina, 334-9015. For Auburn-Grass Valley, call Donna, 269-2301. For Eureka-Arcata, call Mac, (707) 442-5817, or write P.O. Box 4421, Arcata, CA 95521.★

Selective Service System Reports High Compliance With Draft Registration, But Threatens Prosecution For Evaders

The Selective Service System recently released updated statistics showing the compliance rate of registration for the military draft, at both the state and national levels.

Male citizens or aliens residing in the U.S., who were born in 1960 or after, must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Registrants must supply their name, address, date of birth, social security number, and telephone number. They should bring identification when registering. The Registration Form may be completed at any U.S. Post Office.

As of July 18, 8.4 million men had registered, a compliance rate of 93 percent. These figures include men born in 1960-1963, and in the first six months of 1964.

At the state level, Wyoming leads the nation with a compliance rate of 98 percent. States such as Virginia and Pennsylvania have the median compliance rate of 92 percent. Rhode Island has the nation's lowest compliance rate—84.3 percent.

Thomas K. Turnage, the Director of Selective Service, noted that the registration program is a very successful one. He said, "I can think of no other program—either in the public or private sector—that has a 93 percent success rate. I'm very proud of the young men of this nation who have accepted their responsibilities as citizens and have complied with the law."

Turnage stressed that his interest is in registering people, not prosecuting them. He encourages late registrants to come forward and register. "If young men wilfully and knowingly fail to register, however, I am obligated by law to send their names to the Justice Department for possible prosecution."

In mid-August the government mailed approximately 33,000 letters to non-registrants, warning them to register or face possible prosecution. Another 175,000 letters will be sent later this year.

The Sacramento Peace Center offers information and counselling for young men facing draft registration. The Peace Center is at 1917-A 16th Street. Phone 446-0787.★

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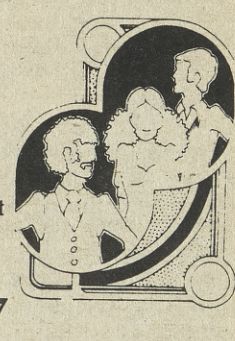

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Two Biographies: Harvey Milk and Edie Sedgewick

"The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," by Randy Shilts. St. Martin's Press, $14.95.

"Edie: An American Biography," by Jean Stein, edited with George Plimpton. Alfred A. Knopf, $16.95.

Reviewed by RICK RUMAN

Other people's lives have always fascinated me. They often seem so much more interesting and exciting than my own. I suppose that is because I must live through the numerous mundane daily details of my own life, while the lives of others, as seen through biographies, for example, are one exciting or important event after another.

Therein lies the secret of a good biography, I think: the tedium of the subject's life must be squeezed out or condensed as much as possible, selectively, until only the essence of that life remains. The function of a biography is to organize and examine a life in a way which is not possible if we are living it.

It has been said that the unexamined life is not worth living. It is equally true that the biography which does not examine a life is not worth reading.

I have just finished reading two biographies: one an excellent work about someone who was only slightly and briefly a public figure, and was not at all important in the grander scheme of things; the other a mediocre work about a very public and very important figure in the gay liberation movement.

"Edie" by Jean Stein is the most thoroughly researched, clearly edited, biographical work I have read in years. By assembling the results of an exhaustive series of interviews with everyone who was even tenuously connected with Edie Sedgewick, Stein has produced a very clear and cohesive picture of Edie's life and death, recreated the milieu in which she existed, and shown us how and perhaps why she died.

Along the way, we are provided some important glimpses into the lives other people Edie was involved with. That the material on Andy Warhol and his group at The Factory in New York in the 1960's tells us as much about Edie as it does about Warhol is a credit to Stein's skill (and perhaps Plimpton's as well).

Through the distilled observations of others, Stein has recreated a world most of us know only vicariously through magazines and television. Edie was born into a very wealthy American family. She was bright, beautiful, talented.

Edie lived only 28 years, but she lived those years at the speed of light. One of her friends says of her, "Edie was a star who mistakenly got incarnated as a human being." This is making her sometimes squalid life seem much too glamorous. She squandered her beauty and talent—and a large portion of her parents' fortune. Her life is a story of her overindulging herself in alcohol and drugs, and of her parents' overindulging her with money.

Nothing Edie did—a few forgettable films made with Warhol, and her last film, "Ciao Manhattan," now enjoying a revival largely on the strength of interest generated by Stein's work—will be as enduring or important as Stein's biography.

This is fascinating stuff, to be sure; very well written. But, in the end, I had to wonder if someone like Edie was worth all the time, effort, and attention that was devoted to her in both life and death.

Stein reportedly spent 10 years researching, writing, editing, and then re-writing her book, going after more material whenever she discoveredunanswered questions. Randy Shilts spent less than half that time on "The Mayor of Castro Street." And, on one hand, he might be forgiven: Stein, the wealthy daughter of Dr. Jules Stein, could well afford to devote herself to her work for such a long period. On the other hand, the subject of Shilts' book, Harvey Milk, has suffered unforgiveably as a result.

Shilts was apparently torn between writing a tract detailing the persecution of gays throughout history and writing a biography of Milk. Why else would he devote long sections to the minutiae of gay life in San Francisco in the 1930's and '40's, a period when Milk was growing up in New York?

Events in Shilts' work are not so much interwoven as piled on top of one another until they collapse under their own weight. In some cases, so much

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Tricks and Treats!

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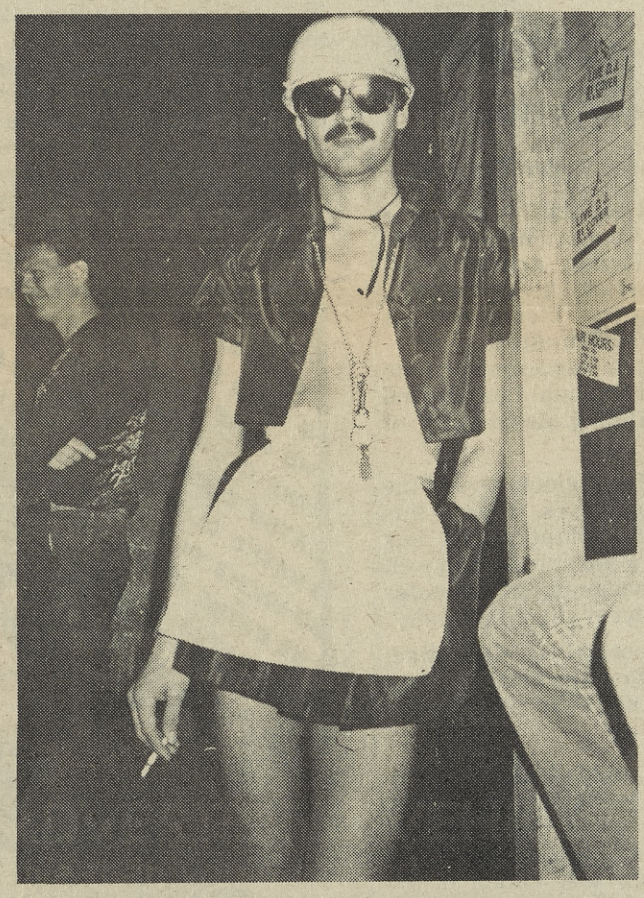
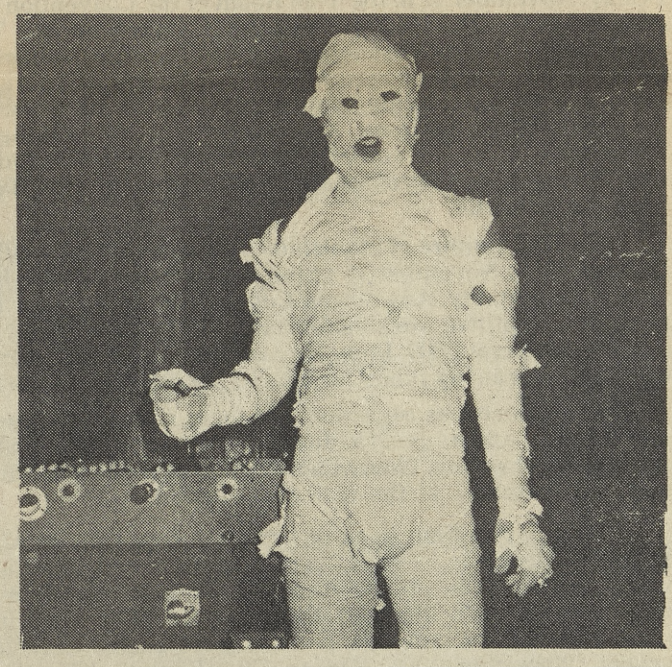
Sacramento celebrated Halloween last weekend and the local gay community took advantage of the occasion to dress up for three nights of partying.

The bars celebrated on Saturday and Sunday nights, and other groups, such as Dignity and the Lesbian/Gay People's Union at CSUS, held parties on Friday.

Playboy and Playgirl bunnies, Batman and Robin, the Mummy, a whole hospital ward of nurses, an Aunt Jemima quartet, Col. Sanders, and a large number of women with moustaches could be found enjoying the festivities.★





ITEMS

Get Well, Mark!

By RICK VAN DYKE

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Mark Baker,** who was seriously injured when he fell October 29 from the roof of the house he was building.

If you get a chance, catch the UC Davis production of **"The Fifth of July"** by Lanford Wilson. The protagonist of this comedy about the generation of the '60s coming to terms with post-Vietnam War realities is a gay veteran who lost his legs in the war. It plays in the Main Theatre on the UCD campus at 8:15 p.m. on November 4-6, and at 4 p.m. November 7. General admission is $5; students get in for $4. Call 752-1915 for more information.

Members of the **Sacramento Men's Collective** will meet at the Showcase Theatre at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 7, to watch the remarkable movie "My Dinner With Andre." Afterwards, they'll go out for dinner with each other.

Don't forget to go and hear journalist **Randy Shilts** speak on "Gays and the News Media" on Thursday, November 11 at Sac State. The author of "Mayor of Castro Street" will be appearing in the Forest Suite of the University Union at 8 p.m., following the general meeting of the Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Singer **Chris Galvez** will perform at that meeting, which starts at 7:30.

A show of monotypes entitled "The Paper Paradox" by **Leslie Toms** and ceramic sculpture entitled "Kiln Gods" by **Robert Brubaker** will be displayed at the **Michael Himovitz Gallery** from November 10 through December 3. The public is invited to an opening reception from 7-10 p.m. on November 10. The gallery is at 1828 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael.

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The **Valley Knights Motorcycle Club** will hold an open meeting at the Wreck Room on Sunday, November 7, at 2 p.m., reports **Ryder Crystall.**

Don't miss Pulitzer Prize- winning columnist **Ellen Goodman,** speaking on Friday, November 12 in the Yolo Room of the Convention Center. She's the third speaker in NOW's Focus 5 feminist lecture series. Tickets are $8 at all Sacramento Savings branches. **Ladies Against Women** will be the special guests at a pre-lecture reception for Goodman at The Lobby. Tickets for this event are $10-$20, sliding scale. Call 443-3470 for more information.

River City Business Association will be sending a representative to Washington, D.C., November 12 through 15 for the second National Lesbian and Gay Business and Professional Convention of the National Association of Business Councils.

The **Owl Empire of Stanislaus County** is getting ready for elections and the Coronation on November 13 at the Elks Lodge in Modesto. **Reyes,** chair of this year's Community Awareness Committee, is running for Emperor. He has pledged to continue working for unity in the community, a job started and well done by **Emperor VIII Jack.** He has also stated that he wants to put a greater emphasis on raising funds for charitable services in the local gay community.

Major decisions regarding the focus of the **Sacramento Men's Collective,** its activities, and its general direction will be on the agenda at the SMC business meeting Wednesday, November 17. The place is La Semilla; the time is 7:30 p.m. All members of the collective should be there.

"The Joyful Blue Book of Gracious Gay Etiquette" is the latest book by **Daniel Curzon.** It is, he says, "a compendium of the best advice about (and most worthy codification of) the standards of good manners and agreeable social behavior." Sounds like just the thing to make your next soiree absolutely flawless. Look for a review soon in these pages. Curzon is also author of the novels "Something You Do In The Dark," "The Misadventures of Tim McPick," and "Among the Carnivores" and the short story collections "Human Warmth and Other Stories" and "The Revolt of the Perverts." All are available from D. Brown Books, 511 Capp Street, San Francisco 94110.

The women's music trio from Oakland, **Heart and Sole,** will be performing in Davis at the **Blue Mango Cafe** on November 20 and in Sacramento, sponsored by the **Women's Outreach** of the CSUS LGPU, on November 21.

Looking a little further ahead, on December 2, **Robert McQueen** and **Pat Califia,** editors of **The Advocate,** will speak at Sac State about the country's oldest gay news publication, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Their appearance will be sponsored by the Lambda Media Association, and co-sponsored by The Star and the LGPU.

It looks like December will be quite a month for men's music. **Tom Hunter,** who recently performed at the California Men's Gathering, will do a benefit concert for Forever Young Childcare Center, 21st and J Streets, on December 5. Call 442-6111 for ticket info. **Charlie Murphy** will be performing at La Semilla on December 11; tickets are $4-$6, sliding scale. And the **Choral Majority** from San Francisco will appear at a Sacramento Men's Collective fundraiser on December 17.

"Coming Out...Well" is the theme of a one-night workshop for men scheduled for Thursday, December 9. To be conducted by **Ed Hall and Bruce Gunn,** the workshop will run from 7 to 10 p.m. in a comfortable and secure downtown setting. It will be limited to 10 gay men at a cost of $15 each. Some of the topics to be covered will be enhancing self-esteem, the exhilaration of telling the truth, respecting others' levels of "outness," and letting someone else have the anxiety attack. Call Ed at 484-1212 or Bruce at 443-7171 for more information. ⋆

Edie and Harvey From Page 4

background material is supplied that I lost sight of the original reason for its inclusion before the narrative resumed too many pages later.

Shilts' use of language also bothers me, since it occasionally reduces important events to the trivial. At one point he describes Milk's triumphant walk to City Hall to claim his supervisorial seat as being "...just like a Rice-a-Roni commercial."

Or, listen to him describe the efforts of those seeking to estimate the size of the crowd attending the 1978 Gay Freedom Day Parade: "...looking like medieval monks trying to figure out how many gays could disco on the head of a peninsula." It is as if, having once written a phrase he thought exceedingly clever, he was determined to include it in the book.

Shilts does have a good feel for the kind of specific details which, properly handled, can make a subject come alive for the reader, but he has no feel for how those details should be presented. He describes Milk living in New York near opera star Leontyne Price. Milk plays her records at top volume, then as each aria ends he leans out the window and applauds and shouts "Bravo" in hopes of catching a glimpse of the star. What Shilts never tells us is who observed Milk doing this, or why it was typical or characteristic of Milk.

At other times, descriptions of events which have better historical placement and support are marred by Shilts' technique of "recreating" the thoughts of others using his own speech patterns. This is sometimes so jarring (in the case of Dianne Feinstein in particular) as to make one wonder if the person would actually have had those thoughts.

In the end, we have a lot of second-hand details, so that what is really lacking in Shilts' book is a sense of immediacy, a sense of being close to the source, a sense of getting the inside information. His portrait of Milk suffers for this. It seems superficial.

What I wanted to read was how Milk felt about these things, or how other people thought he felt, people close to him. Milk's idiosyncrasies are paraded by, one after the other, but to what end? Harvey Milk doesn't ever really emerge from this muddle because Shilts doesn't allow his sources to speak for themselves except in "re-created" thoughts or feelings.

In spite of these flaws, Shilts' book is worth reading if the reader is willing to take the time to pull all of the details together and to sift out extraneous background material. It is a shame that someone as memorable as Harvey Milk should have such an unmemorable book written about him. I can only hope that someone will give us a more comprehensive account of Milk's life. ⋆

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★ Man Two Man. Guest speaker. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, November 4

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration Committee. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

★ "The Fifth of July." UCD Main Theatre. 8:15 p.m. For tickets call 752-1915.

Friday, November 5

★ Free For All—boxing, wrestling, other events. $1 mat fee. Tyffa School of Self-Defense, 708 57th St. 454-5728. 6-8 p.m.

★ Film: "OUTRAGEOUS!" Free and free childcare. Lillard Hall 101, City College. 7 p.m.

★ Davis Gay/Lesbian Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call 753-2090 for place.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

★ "The Fifth of July." UCD Main Theatre. 8:15 p.m. For tickets call 752-1915.

Saturday, November 6

★ Orion Fellowship Alliance potluck. Call 427-2497 for time and place.

★ Our River City Family potluck. 7 p.m. Call Frank at 485-7960 for time and place.

★ "The Fifth of July." UCD Main Theatre. 8:15 p.m. For tickets call 752-1915.

Sunday, November 7

★ Valley Knights Motorcycle Club open meeting. Wreck Room. 2 p.m.

★ "The Fifth of July." UCD Main Theatre. 4 p.m. For tickets call 752-1915.

★ Women's Basketball. Sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. William Land Park. 4:30 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372, for information.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

Monday, November 8

★ Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.

★ Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Alumni Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.

★ Our River City Family Council meeting. Call Frank, 485-7960, for information.

★ RCBA General Membership meeting. Incredible Edible. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

★ Advocates for Lesbian and Gay State Employees. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.

★ Capital City Squares second year of square dancing. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, November 10

★ Deadline for The STAR.

★ Opening reception for Leslie Toms/Robert Brubaker show. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1828 Walnut, Carmichael. 7-10 p.m.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.

★ Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Science 248, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

★ Man Two Man social—discussion. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, November 11

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

★ LGPU General Meeting. Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS. 7:30 p.m.

★ Randy Shilts on "Gays in the Media." Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS. 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by LAMA, The Star, and LGPU.

Friday, November 12

★ Open Door Potluck sponsored by CSUS LGPU. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Ellen Goodman. Third in NOW Focus5 feminist lecture series. Sac Community Convention Center. 7:30 p.m. Tickets $8 at Sac Savings and Loan.

★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or453-0791.

Saturday, November 13

★ Dignity/LGPU Rummage Sale. St. Francis Church, 26th & K. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

★ SDA Kinship potluck. 455-3940 for info.

★ LGPU Women-Only Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call Chris at 457-1372 for place.

Sunday, November 14

★ Dignity/LGPU Rummage Sale. St. Francis Church, 26th & K. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

★ Dignity Mass and meeting. St. Francis Church. 3 p.m. 739-8353 for info.

★ Women's Basketball. Sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. William Land Park. 4:30 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372, for information.

★ Womyn's Church worship service. 3700 Y Street. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. 736-0113 or 453-0791 for information.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective goes to see "My Dinner with Andre." Showcase Cinema. 4:30 p.m. Dinner afterwards.

Monday, November 15

★ Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.

★ Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Alumni Room, University Union, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.

Tuesday, November 16

★ ORCF Gays Under 21 Club. Call Everett, 391-1362, for information.

★ Capital City Squares second year of square dancing. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

★ Feminist Spirit Study Group. The works of lesbian feminist theologian Mary Daly. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. Contact Betty, 453-0791.

Wednesday, November 17

★ The STAR is published.

★ Sacramento Men's Collective business meeting. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.

★ Man Two Man social—Thanksgiving potluck dinner. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.

★ Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Science 248, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

Thursday, November 18

★ Lesbian/Gay Freedom Celebration Committee. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.

★ Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, November 19

★ Free For All—boxing, wrestling, other events. $1 mat fee. Tyffa School of Self-Defense, 708 57th St. 454-5728. 6-8 p.m.

★ Davis Gay/Lesbian Potluck. 7:30 p.m. Call 753-2090 for place.

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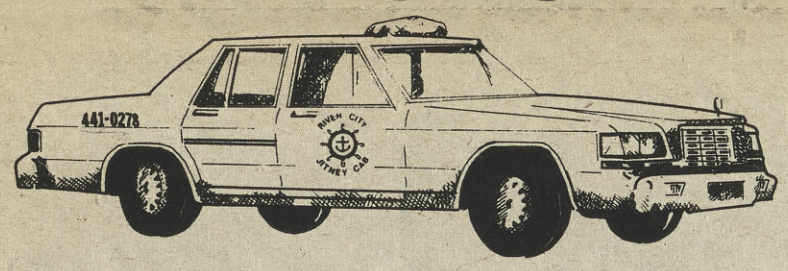

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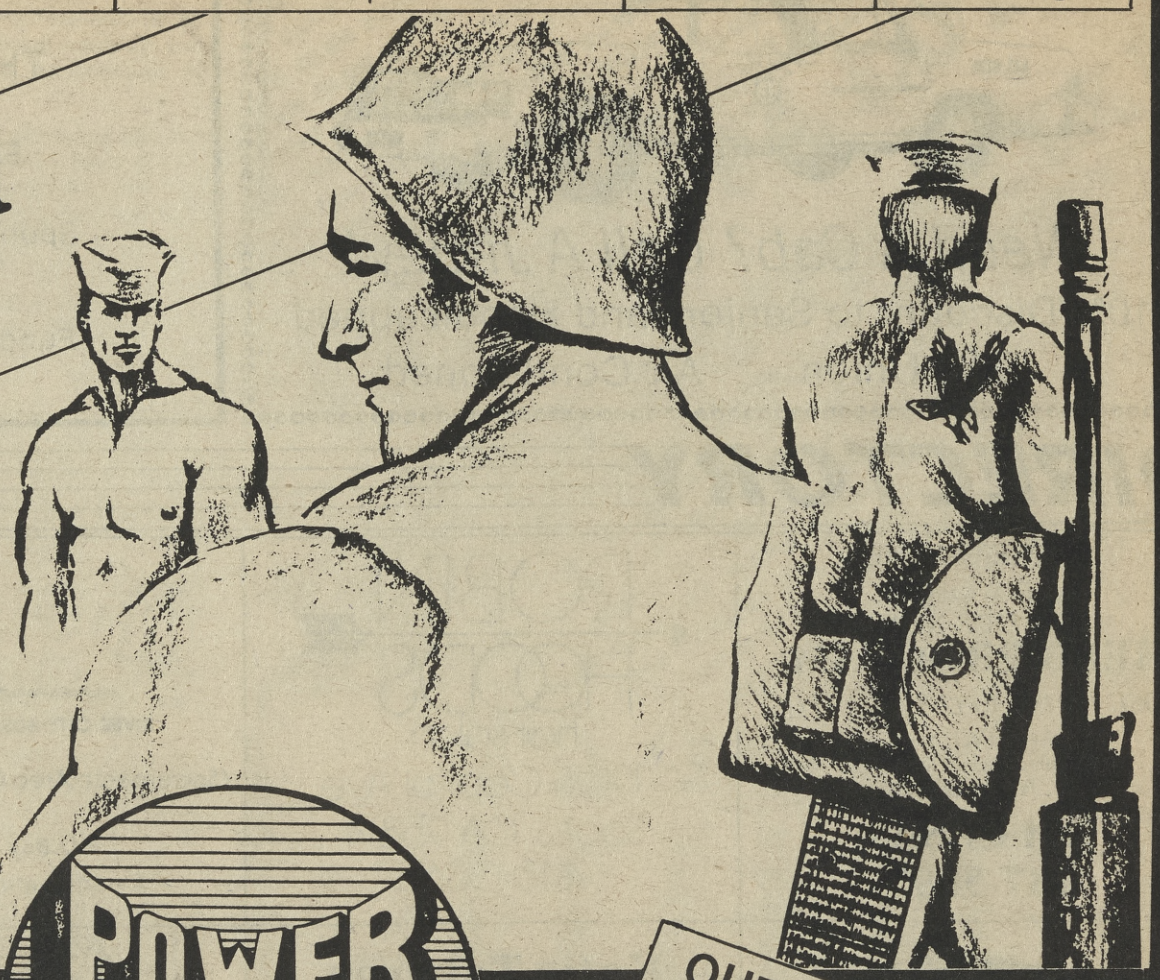

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